

**UNITED STATES INTERESTS SECTION
HAVANA, CUBA**

WARDEN MESSAGE 2009-1

This warden message is being issued to alert U.S. citizens residing and traveling in Cuba about travel changes due to 2009-H1N1 Influenza (*formerly known as Swine Flu*) Outbreak. On April 29, the Cuban government suspended flights to and from Mexico for 48 hours, except for flights to return passengers from Cuba to Mexico only, in an effort to prevent the outbreak of the 2009-H1N1 Influenza on the island. The government said it was prepared to introduce additional restrictions, including extending the flight restrictions, if necessary to keep the illness at bay. Cuba has reported no confirmed cases of the 2009-H1N1 Influenza.

The U.S. Interests Section will continue to monitor this situation and will issue updated messages, if needed. For further information about 2009-H1N1 Influenza including steps you can take to stay healthy, please consult the Department of State information at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_pandemic.html, the United States Centers for Disease Control website at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/> or the World Health Organization website at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>. For additional travel safety information, please consult the State Department's website at www.travel.state.gov.

U.S. citizens may also call the Office of Overseas Citizens Services in the United States for the latest travel information. The Office of Overseas Citizens Services can be reached from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday, by calling 1-888-407-4747 from within the U.S. and Canada, or by calling (202) 501-4444 from other countries.

Americans living or traveling in Cuba are encouraged to register with the U.S. Interests Section, through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Cuba. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the U.S. Interests Section. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Interests Section to contact them in case of emergency. The American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Interests Section is located at Calzada between L y M Streets, Vedado, Havana, Cuba, telephone 537-833-3551/9; after hours emergency telephone 537-833-3026, ACS

unit fax 537-833-1653; e-mail HavanaConsularInfo@state.gov; web page <http://havana.state.gov/>. The U.S. Interests Section will be closed on Friday, May, 1 for a Cuban national holiday.